विदेश मंत्री (श्री प्रणव मुखर्जी): (क) और (ख) जी, हां। विदेश सचिव और विदेश मंत्रालय के एक अन्य अधिकारी ने 23 से 25 जून तक बांग्लादेश की यात्रा की। इस यात्रा का उद्देश्य द्विपक्षीय हित के विभिन्न मसलों पर विचार-विर्मश करना था। यात्रा के दौरान विदेश सचिव ने बंगलादेश के विदेश सचिव के साथ विचार, विर्मश किया। विदेश सचिव ने बंगलादेश के विदेश तथा मानव संसाधन और सिंचाई मंत्रियों एवं गृह सचिव से मुलकात की। भारत की यह इच्छा दोहराई गई कि वह जल विवाद का स्थायी समाधान निकालने की दिशा में कार्य करने के लिए तैयार है। यह सहमति हुई है कि संयुक्त नदी आयोग का पुनः आयोजन किया जाएगा तथा जल-प्रवाहों की संयुक्त मानीटरिंग पुनः शुरू की जाएगी। सीमा क्षेत्रों में अवैध आप्रवासन और विद्रोह की समस्याओं से संबद्ध भारत की चिन्ताओं से बंगलादेश प्राधिकारियों को अवगत करा दिया गया था। इस बात पर सहमति हुई है कि दोनों पक्षों के गृह सचिवों के बीच अगले दौर की बातचीत तथाशीघ्र की जाएगी। विदेश सचिवों ने दोनों देशों के बीच व्यापार से संबद्ध मसलों और भारत द्वारा अपेक्षित पारगमन सुविधाओं पर भी विचार-विर्मश किया।

Production started from Padma and Mukta Oilfields by Enron Reliance Consortium

361. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as reported in the Business Standard dated 14th June, 1995 the enron-Reliance Consortium has started production from the Padma and Mukta oilfields without getting development plans cleared by the designated managing committee of Government;

(b) if so, whether Government have ordered the Consortium to stop production forthwith;

(c) whether in view of its behaviour Government will rescind whatever commitments were entered into with the Consortium;

(d) whether any enquiry will be launched by Government to enquire whether there was any official lapse which encouraged the Consortium in the

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHRAMA): (a) No, Sir. Panna and Mukta fields in Western Offshore were already partially developed and being produced prior to signing of the contract in December, 1994 between the Government and the Consortium comprising ONGC, Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL) and Enron Oil & Gas India Ltd. (EOGIL). The Operator (namely EOGIL) has accordingly taken over existing operations of the fields as per contract. The full development of the fields would be undertaken only after the development plans are cleared by the Management Committee in accordance with the provisions of the contract.

(b) to (c) Do not arise.

Price increase by soft drink companies

362. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI: SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent price increase effected by the soft drink companies in their product which are dominated by multinational companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to ask the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Pricing (BICP) of study the cost and pricing of soft drinks; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Prices of various soft drinks manufactured by franchisees/bottlers of M/s. Pepsi Foods Ltd. and M/s. Coca Cola a

reported to have increased. However, there has been no price increase for the products of M/s. Cadbury Schwepps.

(c) There is no such proposal by this Ministry.

(d) Does not arise.

Accident at Karodimal Railway Station in M.P.

363. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Railway accident took place at Karodimal Railway Station in Raigarh district of Madhya Pradesh on September 5, 1992;

(b) if so, the number of passengers killed and injured thereby;

(c) whether it is a fact that the compensation is not being paid to the dependents of the deceased and injured so far; and

(d) if so, the details and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) 322 Dn. Nagpur-Tatanagar Passenger side collided with a stationary goods train at Kirodimalnagar station on Champa-Jharsuguda section of Bilaspur Division of South Easter Railway on 4.9.92.

(b) In this accident, 40 persons lost their lives and 53 persons sustained injuries.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Rs. 4,15,500/- was paid to the dependents of the dead and to the injured as ex-gratia soon after the accident.

Compensation is paid after the claims are decreed by the Railway Claims Tribunal. The Tribunal so far decreed 18 of the 49 claims filed and payment is being made in these cases. In case of the rest also, compensation will be paid after the claims are decreed by the Tribunal.

Electronic Exchanges in Tamil Nadu

364. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Electronic Exchanges set up in Tamil Nadu as on 31st March, 1995, capactiy-wise;

(b) whether all these Exchanges have been provided with STD facility;

(c) the districts where such Exchanges have not been set up so far; and

(d) the time by which such Exchanges with STD facility are likely to be set up in these districts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) 1304 electronic exchanges have been set up in Tamilnadu as on 31st March, 1995, capacity-wise details are given in Statement. (see below)

(b) No, Sir. Only 689 electronic exchanges have STD facility out of 1304 exchanges.

(c) All the districts in Tamil Nadu have minimum one such exchange.

(d) Does not arise. As all District HQ's have been already connected on STD network.

Statement

The number of Electronic Exchanges set up in Tamil Nadu as on 31st March, 1995, capacity-wise.

Sl. No.	Type of change	Ex-Technology-wise No. of exchanges
1.	FETEX-10L	1
2.	E.10B	55
3.	AXE	12
4.	PRX	1
5.	ESAX	23
6.	NEAX	3
7.	ILT	53
8.	MILT-64	249
9.	C-DOT MAX-I	126